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Amendment

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiners for their willingness to communicate further on this matter.

Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-9 and 11-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunworth¹. Claim 10 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dunworth in view of Willis².

The instant Advisory Action states that the features of Applicants' invention upon which Applicant relies (i.e., wherein the data records received from the plurality of observers are the observation data being stored and retrieved from the database) to distinguish the present invention from the cited art are not recited in the rejected claims. Presented here are amendments to all the independent claims (1, 17, 18, 21, 22 and 24) that clarify that it is the observer location and associated observation data that are being received from the observers and stored in the database to allow subsequent searching and retrieval thereof.

Please call Applicants' attorney, Jacob Erlich (617.854.4000) to discuss any alternative expression of this inventive feature and/or any outstanding questions.

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